



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
**IOWA VETERANS CEMETERY**



## **Mission Statement**

Provide interment for eligible veterans and their dependents in a dignified, efficient, and compassionate manner.



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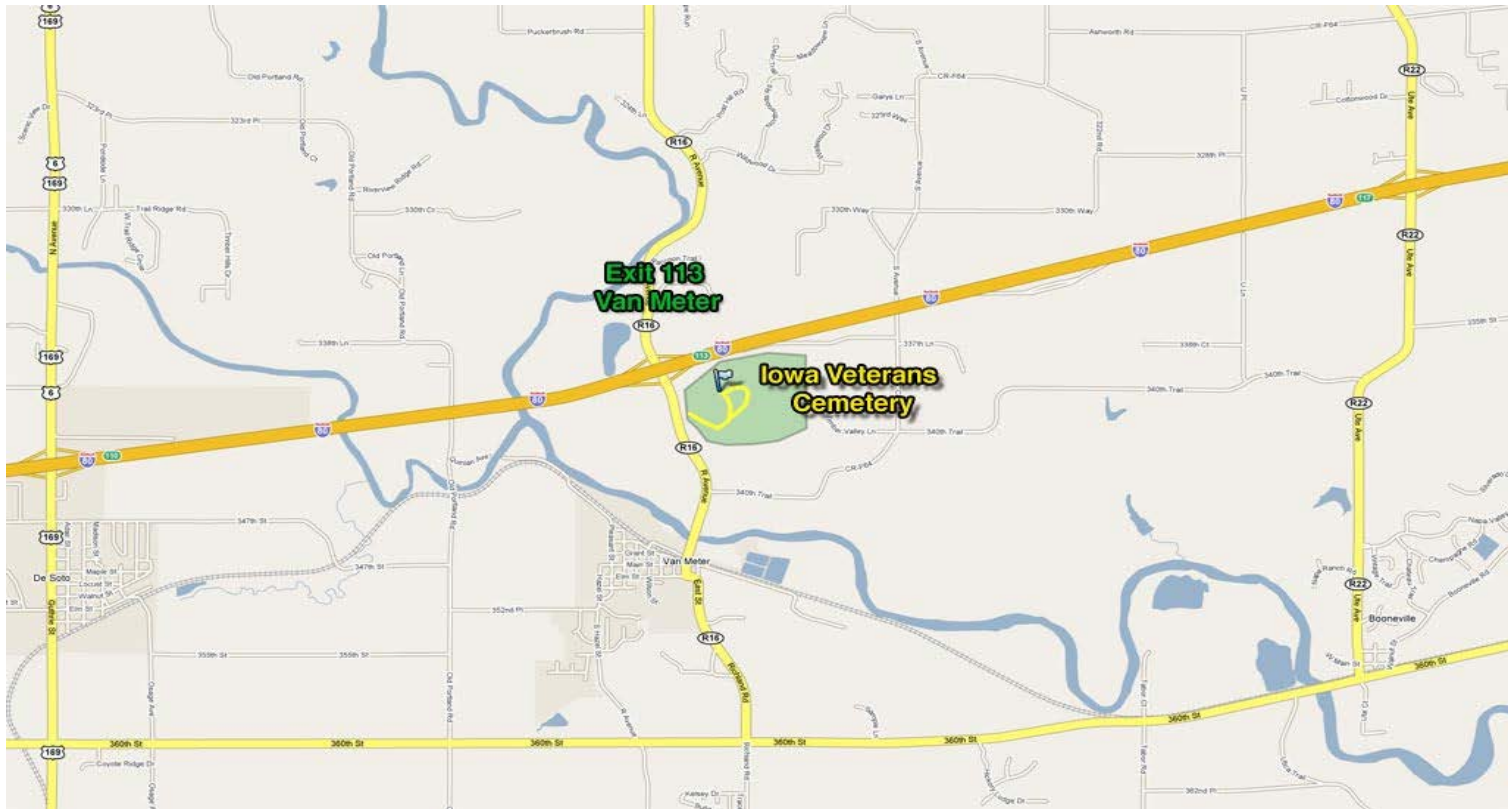
# History

- 2004** - Fundraising Began on Veterans Day with Medallion Sales
- 2005** - Iowa Legislature gave the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs the authority to Establish & Operate a State Veterans Cemetery
- 2006** - 100 Acres of Land was Donated / Veterans Day Groundbreaking
- 2007** - Federal Grant Awarded July 12, 2007; Construction Began July 19, 2007
- 2008** - Dedication on July 3, 2008; Opened for Interments July 7, 2008

# Directions to Iowa Veterans Cemetery



10 Miles West of Des Moines on I-80, exit 113, Dallas Co.  
Van Meter, Iowa

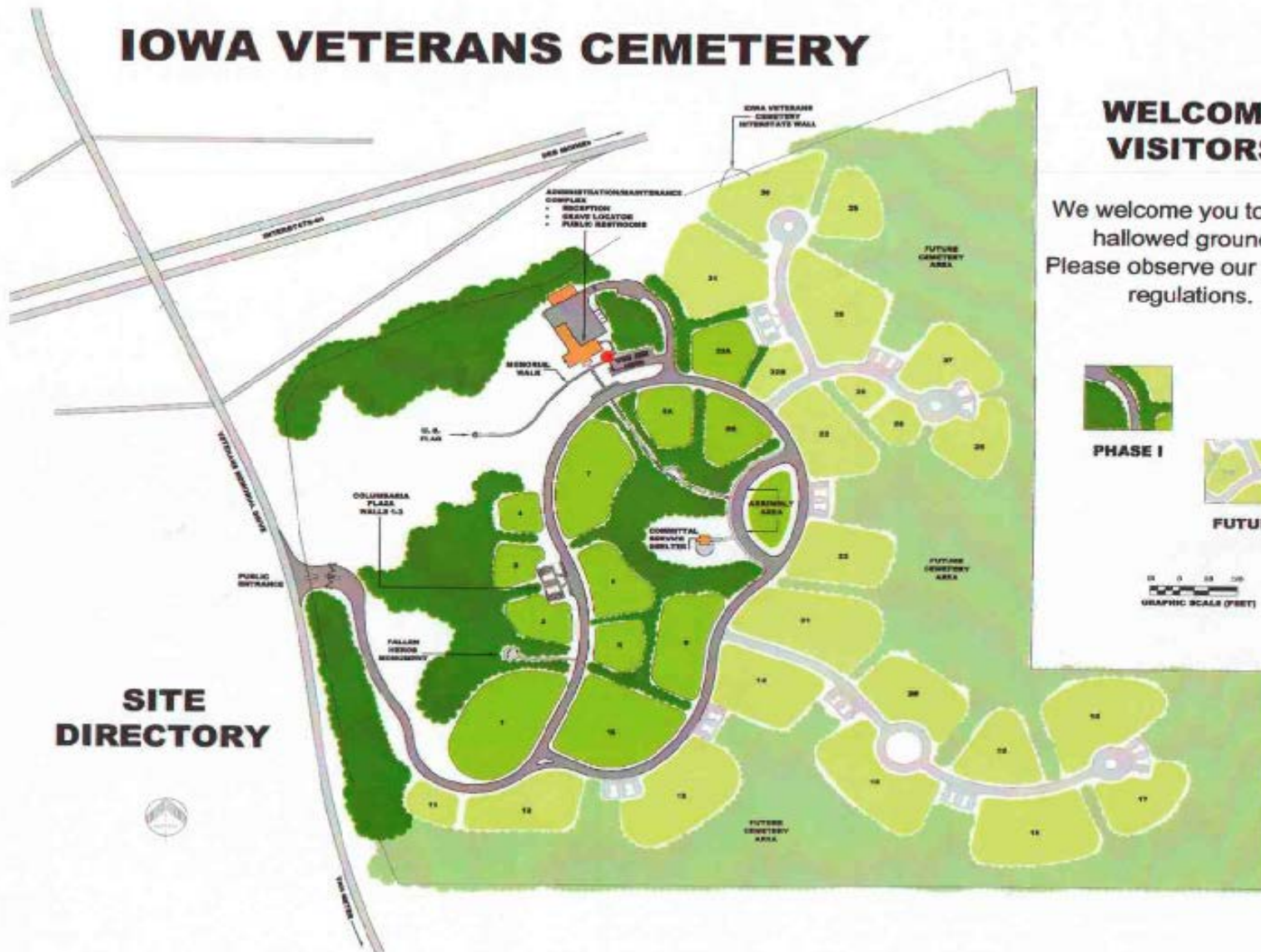


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## WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to these hallowed grounds. Please observe our posted regulations.

## SITE DIRECTORY







**No Cost to Veteran / Current fee for Dependent**

**Burial Space**

**Casket Grave Liner**

**Opening and Closing of Gravesite**

**Defrosting**

**Marker**

**Committal Service**

**Year Around Perpetual Care**

**Flag Decoration at Appropriate Holidays**



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## What We Don't Cover

- Funeral Expenses
- Cremations/Urn
- Caskets
- Transportation

These are services provided  
by funeral homes.

# General Eligibility

- **Active Duty**

- \*discharged or separated from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable and completed required period of service

- **National Guard / Reserve**

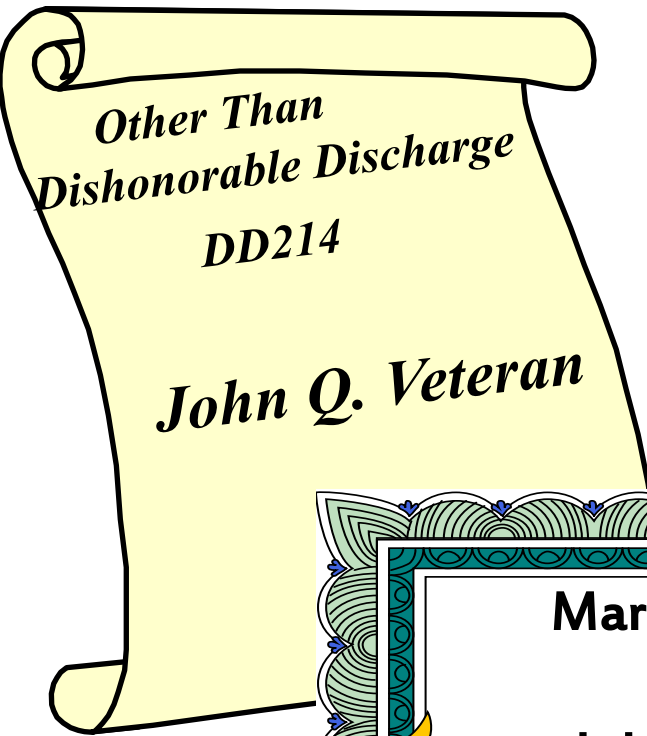
- \*as a result of 20 years creditable service with the National Guard or Reserve

- \*called to active duty by Executive Order, completed term of service for which called, and discharge other than dishonorable

- **IVC will review discharge in every case to determine eligibility.**



# Eligibility Documents







# Types of Interment

## ➤ Casket Burial

- Single
- Double

## ➤ Cremated Remains

- In Ground
- Columbarium Wall

## ➤ In Memory Markers

- Remains No Longer In Existence
- No Government Marker elsewhere
- Family signs Affidavit Regarding Remains



# Front Gate



A photograph of the front gate of the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. The gate is a large, rectangular stone wall with a central section of rough-hewn, reddish-brown stone. The top and bottom sections of the wall are made of smooth, light-colored stone blocks. The words "IOWA VETERANS" are mounted on the top section, and "CEMETERY" is mounted on the bottom section, both in large, black, three-dimensional letters. The gate is set against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. In the background, there is a grassy hill and a concrete wall. The foreground is a concrete sidewalk with a low concrete curb and some green shrubs.

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# Administration Building





# Committal Service Shelter





# Columbarium Plaza







# Memorial Walk



# Marine Honor Guard





# Veteran of Foreign Wars Honor Guard





# Iowa Fallen Heroes Monument



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